



## History of B Company

B company consisted primarily of two divisions, the Saskatchewan unit of three platoons, and the Brandon platoon. The western division was started about eight months ago, when Capt. J. P. Oliver opened a recruiting office in the new university residence at Saskatoon, since named Qu'Appelle hall. Previous to this preliminary steps towards its formation had been taken by Dr. Murray, president of the University of Saskatchewan, and secretary of the presidents' board, which is responsible for the creation of the Western Universities' Battalion.

The honor of being the first recruit falls to Pte. Spence, of Paynton, who was attested on Feb. 25th. By the 1st of May this division was practically complete. The boys, most of whom came to Saskatoon to recruit, are of true university type. The University of Saskatchewan and the collegiates at Saskatoon, Yorkton and Battleford, contributed largely, while many others left prominent positions in cities and towns and from the farms of Saskatchewan.

Early in March the Brandon platoon was started by Lieut. Evans, principal of the academic department of Brandon college. The platoon was quickly filled up with boys, largely from Brandon college and collegiate.

In both cities active training commenced immediately, according to the syllabus as outlined by headquarters' staff at Winnipeg. During the company's regime at the University it was brought to a high standard of efficiency by Capt. Oliver, who was ably assisted by Lieuts. McKenzie, Freer, Boyd and Cummings. Athletics were encouraged, and actively participated in by all the boys, who showed their mettle in football games with the 96th, the 65th, and the university students.

On 20th May, the Brandon platoon was taken over by Lieut. McKee owing to the fact that Lieut. Evans was pronounced physically unfit for active service. Lieut. McKee was in charge of the training until the platoon joined the battalion at Camp Hughes.

## "B" COMPANY (SASKATCHEWAN)

Major Reginald John Godfrey Bateman; Captain John Payson Oliver; Lieutenants Frederick James Freer; Chalmers Jack MacKenzie; William Carey McKee.

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An important episode in the history of the company was the meeting of the boys in Convocation hall, when Dr. Murray announced that Sergeant Bateman, of the 28th Battalion, had been asked to return from the trenches "Somewhere in France," to be commanding officer. The announcement was met with spontaneous applause by the men. Major Bateman had two years previously given up his position as professor of English at the University of Saskatchewan, and enlisted as a private in the Second Contingent. He worked his way up while on active service to platoon sergeant in the 28th, and was highly respected and liked by both officers and men of that famous battalion. Since assuming his new command Major Bateman has gained the confidence, respect and admiration of his men.

B Company arrived in Camp Hughes on the 4th and 5th of June, and took up their quarters on Saskatchewan Drive, alongside of their friendly rivals, the University of Manitoba boys. Since then they have been flanked also by the Albertan stalwarts, with the B.C. Vikings close enough to be interesting. During their four months of con-

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tact in sun and sand with sister companies the B company boys have formed many friendships in A, C and D, and look forward to an even closer union across the seas.

## Blighties

John Bunny is no more. Sad though that may be, we still have Jimmie Br—n.

Corpl. Br—r: "The company must march to the battalion parade alphabetically."

Pte. Y—s: "Will the corporal please explain the meaning of the six-cylinder ward?"

Inspecting officer (to Pte. C. V. Smith)—"Your hands are very dirty, sir."

Pte. S.—"Oh, sir, but you should see my underclothes."

Sergt. W—s to Platoon 5—"Correct your slopes, men."

Pte. M-d-th—"Of all the nerve! I am about to do it?"

What more graceful than "Bo" Clark coming into a tent?

Can anything beat Pte. P—y's smile on presenting arms to an armed party? Grunt, darn you, grunt!

One morning Sergeant N—n called: "No. 5, fall out." Pte. W—ly, looking very fit, upon "Eyes right," discovers Pte. Br—y on parade, and promptly falls down in a faint. I wonder why?

## Little Grey Devils

Shorty McN— made a flying trip to Saskatoon the other day; we would strongly recommend that he take the aviation course on reaching the old country.

The question has been asked, "Was Ski H—t at the dance the other night?"

Fitz—d is back. More fits for "Fitz" by the look of things, eh?

Emmanuel college is amply represented in our battalion in the shape of Pte. F—n, who fills size 44, little grey devils.

John Patrick, after pay parade, makes for the washstands singing dolefully:

"When I flash my roll up yonder I'll be touched!"

Parody on "Mother" song:—"M" is for the milk they never give us.

"O" is only that the cheese is old. "T" is for the tea that fails to cheer us.

"H" is for the hash that's always cold. "E" is for the eggs—we never see them.

"R" is rotten, as we know they'd be. Put them all together they spell "Mother."

I'll bet she'll send a box to me. (Apologies to the author).

How did a certain corporal enjoy being on guard the night of the battalion dance?